



# NASA's Socio-Economic Impacts Aligned with the 2014 Strategic Plan

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## VISION

We reach for new heights and reveal the unknown for the benefit of humankind.

## MISSION

Drive advances in science, technology, aeronautics, and space exploration to enhance knowledge, education, innovation, economic vitality, and stewardship of Earth.

## CORE VALUES

- Safety
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Excellence

# OVERARCHING APPROACH

**Invest** in next-generation technologies and approaches to spur innovation;

**Inspire** students to be our future scientists, engineers, explorers, and educators through interactions with NASA's people, missions, research, and facilities;

**Expand** partnerships with international, intergovernmental, academic, industrial, and entrepreneurial communities, recognizing their roles as important contributors of skill and creativity to our missions and for the propagation of our results;

**Commit** to environmental stewardship through Earth observation and science, and the development and use of green technologies and capabilities in NASA missions and facilities; and

**Safeguard** the public trust through transparency and accountability in our programmatic and financial management, procurement, and reporting practices.



# NASA's Strategic Goals

**NASA plays a critical role in the national economy by:**

- Driving technology and accelerating U.S. industry
- Spurring innovation and growth
- Building and sharing knowledge
- Promoting collaboration with U.S. industry
- Enhancing safety and quality of life
- Creating economic opportunities and public value

These goals build upon accomplishments NASA has made in the areas of science, technology, and education

## GOAL 1:

Expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space

## GOAL 3:

Serve the American public and accomplish our Mission by effectively managing our people, technical capabilities, and infrastructure

## GOAL 2:

Advance understanding of Earth and develop technologies to improve the quality of life on our home planet





## **Strategic Goal 1:**

Expand the frontiers of knowledge,  
capability, and opportunity in space



# Science

*Expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space*

**10,000**

**Scientific published papers** based on data from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope


**20**

**NASA missions** continuously observing the Sun for science and space weather forecasting

**LIDAR technology from NASA Mars landers** currently used with cameras in cars and trucks to avert collisions

**Miniaturized camera technology** originally used on spacecraft now used in 1 out of 3 cellphone cameras

**NASA-developed in-ear infrared thermometers** technology used by billions of people worldwide to measure instantaneous body temperature



**NASA's science mission covers the Earth, the Sun, the solar system, and the universe. Results inform how the Earth works as a system, how it compares to other planets, how space weather impacts our lives, and our understanding of the universe's composition**

# The International Space Station

*Expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space*

**200** **People** who have visited the ISS by the end of 2013

**1,500** **Scientific investigations** performed aboard the ISS from 1998 to 2013

**1,400** **Peer-reviewed published papers** featuring research conducted on ISS from 1998 to 2013

**42M** **Students** reached through ISS educational events from 1998 to 2013

**\$1.5B** **Estimated future commercial revenue** from Falcon 9 and Antares launches booked by private sector (as of Feb 2014)



**ISS research has contributed to advances in health, environmental sciences, education, and has helped revitalize the U.S. launch industry**



# NASA Collaboration

*Expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space*

**5,000**

**Participants** across 117 teams in NASA Challenges work to solve some of the Agency's toughest problems

**1.2M+**

**People** from over 80 countries participating in NASA citizen scientist projects

**7,000**

**Businesses** and other organizations that had contracts with NASA in 2013

**1,300**

**Research projects** funded in 2013

**500**

**Companies** collaborate with NASA to perform work documented in Space Act Agreements

**100+**

**Agreements** with international entities from 28 countries were signed in 2013



**NASA works with U.S. industry, academia, and international partners to expand the frontiers of knowledge, capability, and opportunity in space**

# Commercial Cargo

*Serve the American public and accomplish our Mission by effectively managing our people, technical capabilities, and infrastructure*

**\$782M NASA investment resulting in two new launch vehicles, two new autonomous spacecraft, and two new launch complexes and mission control centers for less than half the cost to develop these new capabilities**

**First NASA program since development of the Space Shuttle to successfully result in new integrated space transportation systems capable of carrying cargo to and from LEO**

**Follow-on CRS operational missions eliminated the need to purchase Progress cargo missions to the ISS from Russia, reestablishing ISS cargo return capability in the US**

**Recapturing launch market share with U.S. commercial capabilities—50 government and commercial launches on SpaceX manifest alone**



**NASA facilitated the development and demonstration of new US cargo transportation systems to low-Earth orbit by SpaceX and Orbital Sciences**





## **Strategic Goal 2:**

Advance understanding of Earth and  
develop technologies to improve the quality  
of life on our home planet

# Earth Observation

*Advance understanding of Earth and develop technologies to improve the quality of life on our home planet*

**9.8PB**

**Volume of data stored** at NASA's Earth Observation System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) by FY 2013

**636M**

**Data products downloaded** from EOSDIS

**3M**

**Downloads** of scenes captured by NASA Earth observing missions conducted or under development since 1960 NASA-built Landsat

**71**

**NASA Earth observing missions** conducted or under development since 1960

**82%**

**NASA Earth Science satellites** in 2013 through interagency and international partnerships

**In a NASA partnership with USAID, the government of Malawi used satellite imagery to manage land use of Mulanje Massif in southern Malawi**

**In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, NASA's Ikhana remotely piloted Predator B aircraft was used to develop imaging and mapping techniques to fight wildfires**

**The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NASA's Aqua satellite was used to identify hotspots during the 2013 Yosemite wildfires**



# Aeronautics

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**\$1,700**

**Estimated per flight cost savings** due to introduction of NASA-developed air traffic management concepts and decision support tools, in partnership with the FAA and airlines

**\$300M**

**Estimated savings** to the air traffic control system expected when jointly developed NASA and FAA concepts to better manage aircraft operations near congested terminals are adopted

**5 min**

**98% reduction in analysis time** (from 180-240 minutes to 5 minutes) using NASA-developed static code analyzer that automatically reviews large-scale software systems for errors without needing to run the software

**4B gal**

**Amount of jet fuel saved** by aircraft using NASA-developed winglets and reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 43M tons

**50%**

**Reduction in repair time** due to data from NASA-developed small, embedded wireless sensors in helicopter blades



**The U.S. aviation industry accounts for \$1.3 trillion in economic activity and 10 million jobs. Every U.S. commercial aircraft and U.S. air traffic control tower has NASA-developed technology on board.**

# Knowledge Transfer

*Advance understanding of Earth and develop technologies to improve the quality of life on our home planet*

**1,600** **Potential new inventions** generated by NASA civil servants and contractors in FY 2013

**2,150** **Number of new domestic partnerships** or technology transfer agreements, which includes Space Act Agreements and Software Usage Agreements and Licenses in FY 2013

**1,000** **Number of agreements** with federal, state, and local governments

**500** **Number of companies** NASA collaborates with using Space Act Agreements

**1,800** **Documented spinoffs** from NASA technologies that have been commercialized, ranging from innovative manufacturing techniques to new materials

**>1B** **Estimated number** of cell phones sold each year since 2010 using NASA-developed imaging semiconductors

**500 yrs** **Length of time** a semiconductor can last based on NASA-developed manufacturing techniques



**NASA transfers its knowledge, products, services and processes to spur innovation in U.S. industry and help American businesses grow.**





## **Strategic Goal 3:**

Serve the American public and accomplish our Mission by effectively managing our people, technical capabilities, and infrastructure

# NASA Centers

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# NASA and its Government Partners

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## **870 active interagency agreements with NASA Federal partners. Examples include:**

Longstanding partnership with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on weather satellites

Four-decade initiative with the U.S. Geological Survey on land-remote sensing programs, such as Landsat

Partnering with the Federal Aviation Administration to develop standards for emerging commercial human space flight and to enable the Next Generation Air Transportation System, or NextGen

Close coordination with Department of Defense on engine development for space launch, on potential future space systems like space planes, and on unmanned aerial vehicles.



**NASA works extensively with its federal partners to share expertise and facilities to avoid duplication of effort and maximize mission objectives**

**Collaboration with federal partners advances research and cutting edge technologies**

# Education and Outreach

*Serve the American public and accomplish our Mission by effectively managing our people, technical capabilities, and infrastructure*

**1B** Number of visits and downloads of NASA datasets in 2012

**60M** Number of views of NASA educational websites each year

**12M** Number of Twitter followers, more than any other government agency

**1.5M** Number of NASA mentions in English language academic articles during the previous decade

**9,000+** Number of students who applied for NASA internships in FY 2013

**1,200+** Number of NASA internships awarded to in FY 2013

**50%** Percentage of world renowned scientists who cite Apollo as a major reason they pursued a science career

In 2012, the Curiosity rover landing on Mars was viewed 3.2 million times

NASA has won multiple Shorty Awards for best government use of social media and emphasis on getting children interested in space





# NASA's Annual Socio-economic Impacts

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**10,000**

Papers based on Hubble Space Telescope data published

**1,300**

Research projects funded by NASA

**7,000**

contracts between NASA and businesses

NASA has contracts with companies in all 50 states

**1,000**

Requests by U.S. industry for human spaceflight technologies

**\$1.5B**

Estimated value of private sector bookings for Falcon 9 and Antares launches

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Landsat scenes downloaded

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**\$1,700**

Amount saved per flight due to use of NASA-developed air traffic control technologies

**90%**

Percentage of baby food that has a nutritional supplement identified via NASA research

**30,000**

Lives saved from using NASA-developed satellite tracking systems

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1,600+ new technology inventions in FY 2013

AGREEMENT

Software usage agreements in FY 2013

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Patent and copyright licenses in FY 2013

SAA

Space Act Agreements and SBIR/STTR contracts in FY 2013

2,150+ domestic technology transfers

Visits and downloads of NASA datasets in 2012



Twitter followers (NASA programs, people, and centers)



Views of educational websites per year

# Conclusion

**For less than half a percent of the federal budget, NASA is immersed in some of the greatest challenges in science and technology, learning from the past and planning decades into the future**

In the course of accomplishing its mission, NASA plays a critical role in the national economy by:

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**For additional information please visit:**

**The NASA Socio-Economics Report by the Office of Strategy Formulation**  
**[http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/files/SEINSI\\_FinalReport\\_April13.pdf](http://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/files/SEINSI_FinalReport_April13.pdf)**

**Measuring the Socio-Economics of Earth Observations by the Earth Science Division**  
**<http://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/pdf/SocioeconomicImpactsPrimer.pdf>**